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SUBJECT: COMMERCAIL CHECK ON INTERNATIONAL PLANNERS AND DEVELOPERS (IPAD)

1. WELL KNOWN SYRIAN LAWYER HAZEM K. JAZZAR, WHO ALSO PARTNER OF LAWYER ZOUHEIR AL-MIDANY (PRES. OF SYRIAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAWYER OF COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA), HAS REQUESTED COMMERCIAL CHECK ON U.S. FIRM INTERNATIONAL PLANNERS AND DEVELOPERS (IPAD), LTD., 545 FIFTH AVE., N.Y., TEL. 212/697-9740, TELEX 12-7288; AND P.O. BOX 1017, NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF., TEL. 714/546-6170, TELEX 67-3603.

2. IPAD BROCHURE LISTS OFFICE IN 70 COUNTRIES. CHAIRMAN IS WALTER C. DAVISON, PRES. IS SY J. MILLER. JAZZAR WAS APPROACHED BY LEBANESE REP. MAURICE NADDAF FROM IPAD'S BEIRUT OFFICE; WE DO NOT HAVE NADDAF'S ADDRESS NOR IS IPAD LISTED IN OUR ABC BOOKLET.

3. ACCORDING TO JAZZAR, NADDAF SAID IPAD INTERESTED IN HOTELS AND OTHER RELATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN SYRIA WITH INITIAL ESTIMATED WORTH OF L.S. 700 MILLION ($192 MILLION). NADDAF CLAIMS IPAD WOULD FINANCE ON 10 TO 15 YEAR TERMS AND INITIAL PRIVATE SYRIAN INVESTMENT WOULD BE 10 PERCENT WITH REMAINDER PAID BACK OVER TERM OF FINANCING. NADDAF HAS TRAVELED TO IPAD HEADQUARTERS FOR DISCUSSION OF PROJECTS IN SYRIA AND SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO DAMASCUS WITH IPAD
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4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. USDOC PLEASE CABLE US COMMERCIAL CHECK INFO. RE IPAD.

B. BEIRUT PLEASE PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS ON IPAD OFFICE IN
BEIRUT AND MAURICE NADDAF, AND D AND B INFO ON IPAD.

C. CAIRO: NADDAF SAYS IPAD IS BUILDING VERY LARGE
TOURISM COMPLEX IN EGYPT. ANY COMMENTS ON IPAD ACTIVITIES
IN EGYPT WOULD BE USEFUL.
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